

Smearing WikiLeaks

How three men affiliated with WikiLeaks were hit with false or unproven sexual assault accusations — amid a secret PR plan to discredit WikiLeaks.

To some, Julian Assange and his “WikiLeaks” website went from being hero- to zero- when they began publishing internal emails that reflected poorly on then-candidate for President Hillary Clinton had her campaign team.

But even before that, WikiLeaks was seen as damaging to some powerful interests.

In 2010, some of those interests launched a secret public relations campaign to disparage and discredit WikiLeaks, Assange, and other WikiLeaks associates.

Three men affiliated with WikiLeaks were then hit by false or unproven sexual assault charges.

Read more about the strange smearing of Wikileaks below.

The following is an excerpt from my Full Measure investigation

There’s little doubt there are powerful efforts to smear WikiLeaks and its supporters. Government contractors circulated this dossier (below) in 2010, a wide-ranging strategy to combat “The WikiLeaks Threat,” to “sabotage or discredit” WikiLeaks supporters using “social media exploitation” and “disinformation.”



The WikiLeaks Threat

An Overview by Palantir Technologies, HBGary
Federal, and Berico Technologies

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Conclusion

- WikiLeaks is not one person or even one organization; it is a network of people and organizations acting in concert for the sole purpose of “untraceable mass document leaking.”
- Together, Palantir Technologies, HBGary Federal, and Berico Technologies bring the expertise and approach needed to combat the WikiLeaks threat effectively.
- In the new age of mass social media, the insider threat represents an ongoing and persistent threat even if WikiLeaks is shut down.
- Traditional responses will fail; we must employ the best investigative team, currently employed by the most sensitive of national security agencies.

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- A focus on Information Operations (INFOOPS)
 - Influence operations
 - Social media exploitation
 - New media development
- Experts in threat intelligence and open source analysis
- World renowned vulnerability research and exploit development
- Critical cyber incident response

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Trevor FitzGibbon: It shows the photos and the names of the individuals that were supportive of WikiLeaks or worked with WikiLeaks.

Sharyl Attkisson: And the PR documents specifically discussed going after these people?

Trevor FitzGibbon: Ways to discredit to target to smear them.

Several targets were FitzGibbons' clients. Two were discredited by sex claims alleged in the media but never prosecuted just like FitzGibbon: WikiLeaks' Assange and a key WikiLeaks associate Jacob Applebaum.



With Assange, two women told a journalist that consensual sex with him when he was in Sweden for a speech, turned into rape. A rape investigation hung over his head for seven years—before it was dropped.

Anonymous accusers started a website to publicly accuse Applebaum of groping and rape. He was forced out of his job, but also never charged.

FitzGibbon was cleared of the false rape allegation against him and sued the lawyer who'd accused him: Jesselyn Radack. Radack subsequently retracted all of her accusations against FitzGibbon.

In the end, a smear campaign can often take advantage of the uncertainty surrounding a case of ‘he said she said.’ And that’s the problem. FitzGibbon asked a lawyers’ disciplinary body to punish Radack for alleged false allegations. They declined, saying the “question was close” but “The truth about what occurred in private is sometimes hard to prove.” Even if someone isn’t ultimately prosecuted, they may find they’re tainted just because this aura of inappropriateness or criminality lingers over them regardless of what the outcome is in the court of law.

Three men affiliated with WikiLeaks appear to have been on the receiving end of that lesson.

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